

## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SWITCHING ON A VXS PAYLOAD MODULE

Abstract of the Disclosure

5           A multi-service platform system (200) having a VXS backplane (204) includes a VXS payload module (202) coupled to the VXS backplane, a first switched fabric enabled mezzanine card (212) coupled to the VXS payload module, and a second switched fabric enabled mezzanine card (213) coupled to the VXS payload module. VXS payload module also includes a switching element (215) communicatively interposed between the first and  
10 second switched fabric enabled mezzanine card and the switching element, wherein the first and second switched fabric enabled mezzanine card are coupled to directly communicate with a switched fabric (206, 207) via the switching element.